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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-38. (Canceled).

39. (Currently Amended) A support system for stage lighting, grip equipment or other stage apparatus comprising:

a rail having at least one channel defining an opening extending along a length of the rail and at least one lip extending along the opening;

a component comprising a first member ~~a component having means to releasably secure said component to said rail by engaging said lip; said component also having means and~~ a second member, the second member configured to releasably engage one of a stage lighting, a grip equipment, or an other apparatus used to obtain an appropriate lighting effect;

wherein the first member is moveable from a first position such that the first member clears the lip and is movable into and out of the opening of the channel when moved in a direction that is transverse to the length of the rail to a second position such that the first member is blocked by the lip when inside the channel to prevent the component from being removed from the channel when moved in a direction that is transverse to the length of the rail.

40. (Currently Amended) The support system of claim 39 wherein ~~the means to releasably engage one of a stage lighting, a grip equipment or an other apparatus used to~~

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~~obtain an appropriate lighting effect~~ the second member comprises a tube and a handle, the handle screwed into the tube.

41. (Currently Amended) The support system of claim 39 wherein the ~~means to releasably engage one of a stage lighting, a grip equipment or an other apparatus used to obtain an appropriate lighting effect~~ second member comprises a cylindrical pin.

42 - 51. (Canceled)

52. (Currently Amended) A support system for stage lighting, grip equipment or other stage apparatus comprising:

a rail having at least one channel defining an opening extending along a length of the rail, and at least one lip extending along the opening; and

a component comprising:

a first member having a length and a width smaller than the length~~means for releasably securing said lip~~; and

a second member configured to releasably engage~~means for releasably engaging~~ one of a fiesnel lamp, an open faced lamp, a scoop lamp, a soft box, a combination lighting equipment, a flag, a net, a filter, a screen or a reflector;

wherein the first member is moveable into and out of the channel through the opening when the length of the first member is substantially aligned with the length of the rail;

wherein the first member is rotatable inside the channel such that the length of the first member is transverse relative to the length of the rail;

wherein the first member is configured to engage an inner surface of said lip inside the channel to prevent the component from being removed from the rail when the length of the first member is transverse relative to the length of the rail.

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53. (Currently Amended) The support system of claim 52 wherein the ~~means for releasably engaging one of a fresnel lamp, an open faced lamp, a scoop lamp, a soft box, a combination lighting equipment, a flag, a net, a filter, a screen or a reflector~~ second member comprises a tube and a handle, the handle screwed into the tube.

54. (Currently Amended) The support system of claim 52 wherein the ~~means for releasably engaging one of a fresnel lamp, an open faced lamp, a scoop lamp, a soft box, a combination lighting equipment, a flag, a net, a filter, a screen or a reflector~~ second member comprises a cylindrical pin.

55 - 65. (Canceled)

66. (Withdrawn) A support system for stage lighting, grip equipment or other stage apparatus comprising:

- a rail having at least one T or mushroom shaped channel;

- a component adapted to be releasably attached to said rail comprising:

- means to releasably engage one of a stage lighting, a grip equipment or an other apparatus used to obtain an appropriate lighting effect;

- a base plate to which the means to releasably engage one of a stage lighting, a grip equipment or an other apparatus used to obtain an appropriate lighting effect is permanently attached;

- a knob assembly for releasably securing the base plate to the rail including a knob and a T-bolt with a head adapted to fit within the rail channel;

- the knob permanently secured to the T-bolt; and

- the T-bolt to be fastened into a cavity in the knob;

- the base plate to be releasably attached to the rail by inserting the T-bolt head within the rail channel and rotating the knob.

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67. (Withdrawn) The support system of claim 66 wherein the means to releasably engage one of a stage lighting, a grip equipment or an other apparatus used to obtain an appropriate lighting effect comprises a tube and a handle, the handle screwed into the tube.

68. (Withdrawn) The support system of claim 66 wherein the means to releasably engage one of a stage lighting, a grip equipment or an other apparatus used to obtain an appropriate lighting effect comprises a cylindrical pin.

69 - 79. (Canceled)

80. (New) The support system of claim 39, wherein the first member comprises a T-shaped head.

81. (New) The support system of claim 39, the component further comprising a bolt having a first end and a second end, wherein the first member is connected to the bolt at the first end.

82. (New) The support system of claim 81, the component further comprising a cam proximate to the first end and wherein the cam is configured to be moveable in the opening of the channel between a first cam position wherein the first member is insertable into the channel to a second cam position wherein the cam engages the lip and the first member is in the second position.

83. (New) The support system of claim 81, the component further comprising a stem configured to connect to the bolt at the second end and a handle connected to the stem.

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84. (New) The support system of claim 39, wherein the second member comprises a plate having at least one aperture and a tube permanently attached to the plate and configured to receive one of a stage lighting, a grip equipment, or an other apparatus used to obtain an appropriate lighting effect.

85. (New) The support system of claim 84, the component further comprising:
a bolt having a first end and a second end;
a stem configured to connect to the bolt at the second end;
a handle connected to the stem;
wherein the first member is connected to the bolt at the first end; and
wherein the plate is secured to the rail by moving the first member to the second position and securing the stem and the bolt with the handle.

86. (New) The support system of claim 52, the component further comprising a bolt having a first end and a second end, wherein the first member is connected to the bolt at the first end.

87. (New) The support system of claim 86, the component further comprising a cam proximate to the first end and wherein the cam is configured to be moveable in the opening of the channel between a first cam position wherein the first member is insertable into the channel to a second cam position wherein the cam engages the lip and the first member is transverse relative to the length of the rail.

88. (New) The support system of claim 86, the component further comprising a stem configured to connect to the bolt at the second end and a handle connected to the stem.

89. (New) The support system of claim 52, wherein the second member comprises a plate having at least one aperture and a tube permanently attached to the plate and

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configured to receive one of a stage lighting, a grip equipment, or an other apparatus used to obtain an appropriate lighting effect.

90. (New) The support system of claim 89, the component further comprising:
- a bolt having a first end and a second end;
 - a stem configured to connect to the bolt at the second end;
 - a handle connected to the stem;
- wherein the first member is connected to the bolt at the first end; and
- wherein the plate is secured to the rail by moving the first member first member is transverse relative to the length of the rail and securing the stem and the bolt with the handle.